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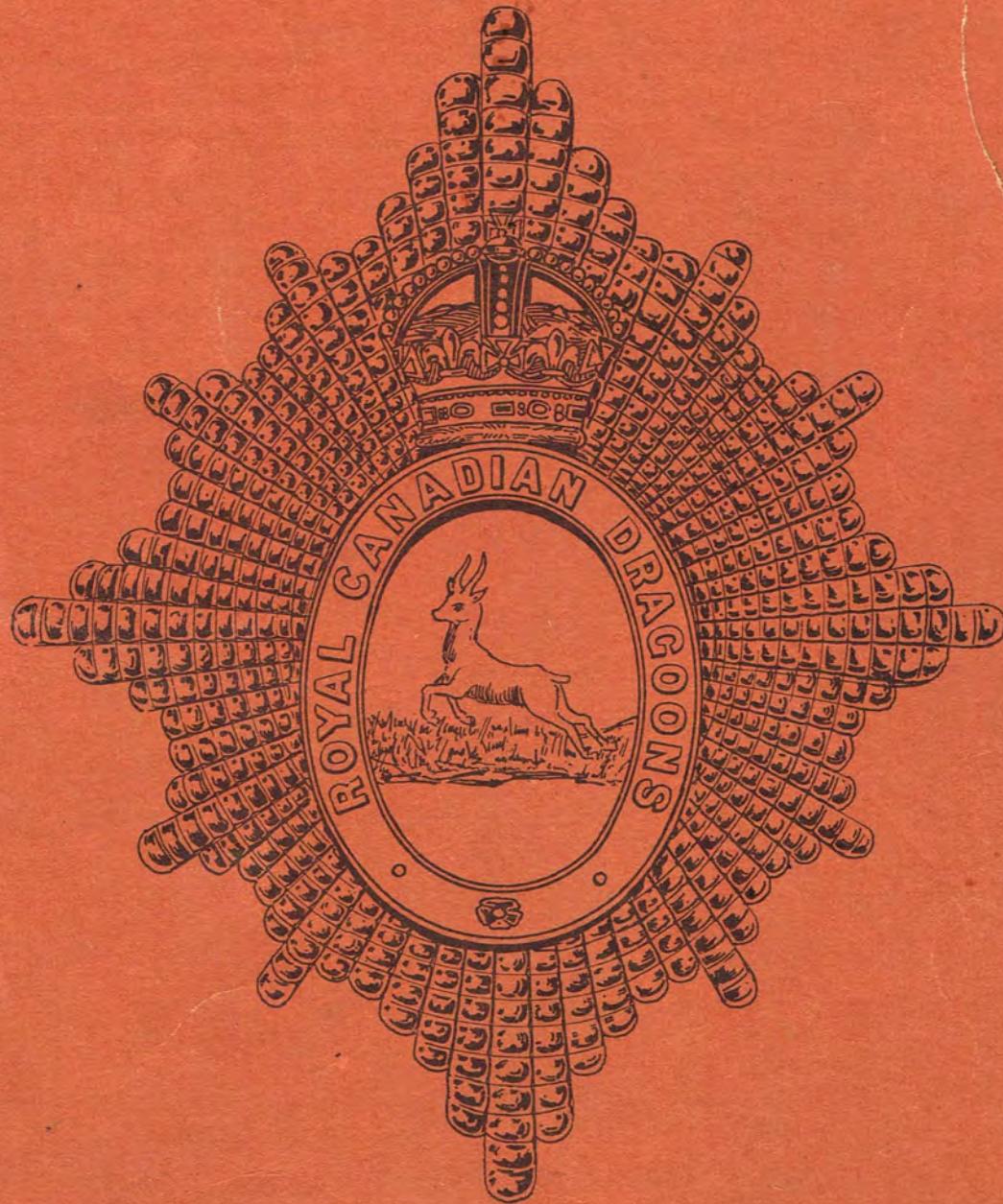
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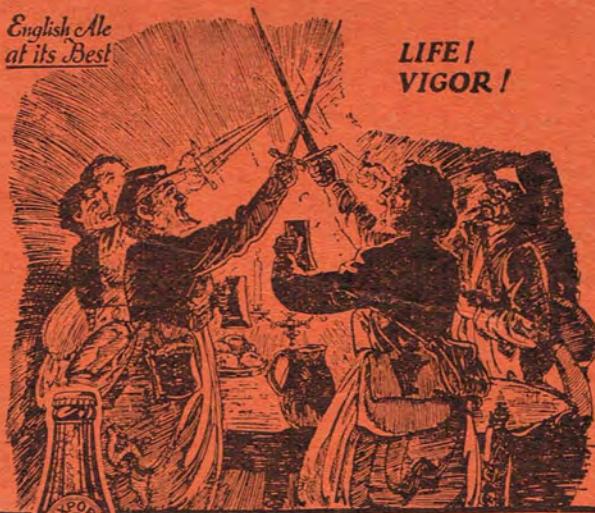
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Editorial.

The manner in which the first number of "The Goat" was received by all ranks of the Regiment is very gratifying to the Editorial Staff. Perhaps the most pleasing result of the publication has been the number of very com-

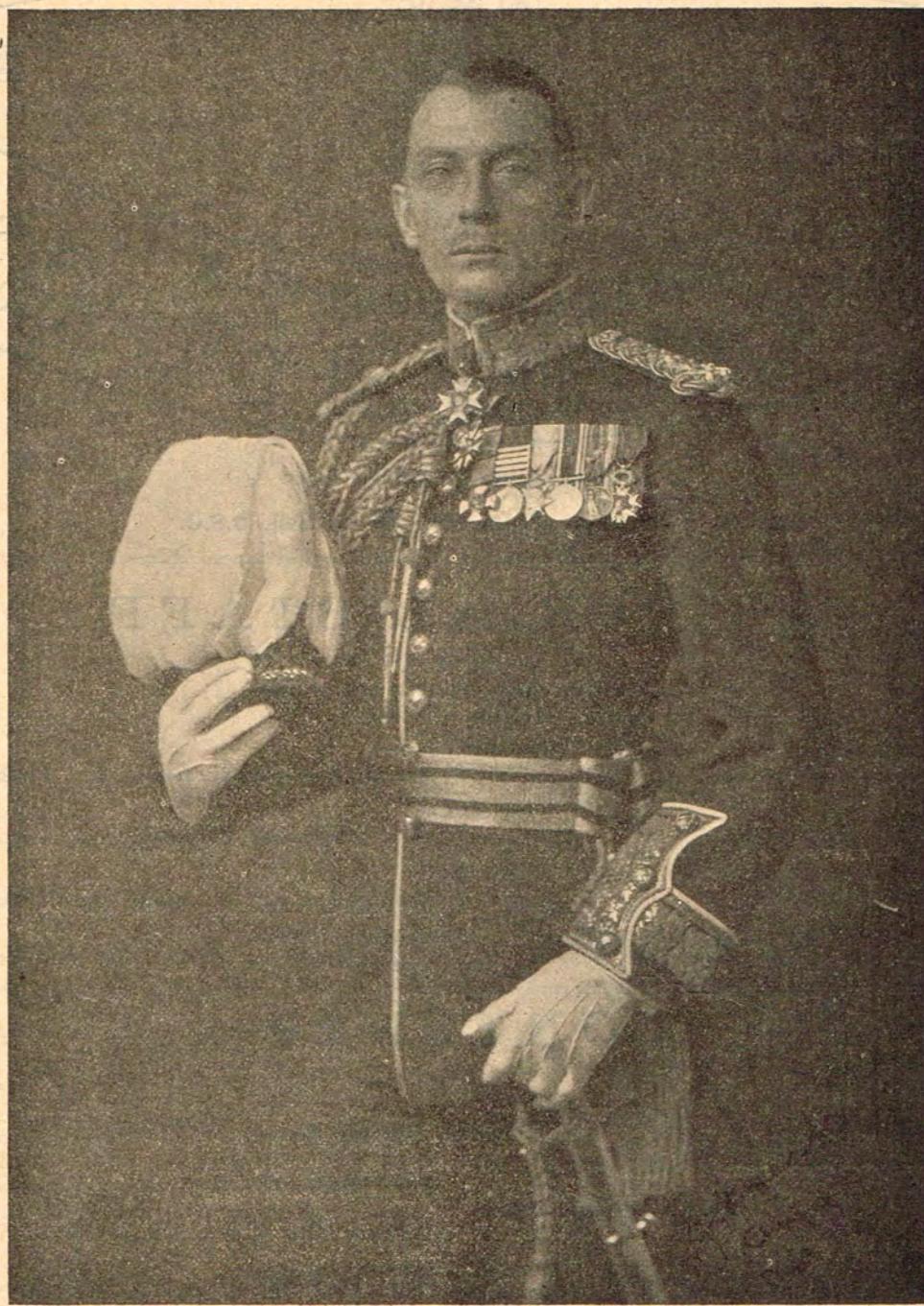
plimentary letters received from our "Old Comrades" scattered, as they are, in all parts of the world. The contents of these communications prove that the old Regimental spirit still survives, in spite of the long period that has elapsed since the majority of them changed the kaki into "civies." It is unfortunately impossible for us to gain touch directly with all of our

"Old Comrades," owing to the original demobilization address list being quite out of date, but we have got in touch with a good many and hope to reach more from time to time.

Several criticisms made regarding the last number have been remedied in this present one, and we hope it will meet with the same favourable comment that the first issue evoked.

AN APOLOGY

We regret that owing to an oversight, the extract from Mr. Roger Pocock's "Horses," published in our March issue under the caption of "The Horse's Belief," was inserted without a statement as to its source and authorship.



Major-General James Howden MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Chief of Staff,
Department of National Defence.

Born June 30th, 1878. Was in South Africa with Canadian Contingent and remained there after the Boer War, with the South African Constabulary. Obtained a Commission in the Toronto Light Horse on August 31st, 1906. Took Long Course at Kingston and was Gazetted to the Royal Canadian Dragoons, January 27th, 1907. Proceeded to Australia for duty with the Australian Forces, and on his return to Canada became Adjutant of the Regiment on the termination of Captain D. D. Young's appointment. Was made Brevet Captain on January 27th, 1912. Was seconded to the Staff College, Camberley, December 13th, 1912, and was there on the outbreak of the War. He was appointed D.A.A. and Q.M.G. 1st Cana-

dian Division on September 29th, 1914, and remained as such until September 2nd, 1915, when he was appointed A.Q.M.G. Canadian Corps. From January 17th till September 9th, 1916, he was A.A. and Q.M.G. 3rd Division, assuming command of the 12th Canadian Infantry Brigade on September 20th, 1918. On August 1st, 1918, he was made C.G.S. Overseas Military Forces of Canada in England and was appointed Ministry Secretary O.M.F.C. in Canada on May 1st, 1920. General MacBrien was appointed Chief of the General Staff, Canada, on August 18th, 1920, and on the re-organisation of the Militia Department, was made Chief of Staff, Department of National Defence on January 21st, 1923.

A Link with Canada's Early Cavalry.

While the history of the Royal Canadian Dragoons may properly be said to start from the organization of the Cavalry School Corps, the Regiment may fairly claim to be linked, and that very closely, with the earliest cavalry history of Canada.

It is with a view to making clear how this claim is established and because it is considered that the matter may be of general interest that the following extracts from "Historical Records and Digest Services of the Regiment" together with some few comments, has been compiled.

Some of the records from which the extracts quoted have been taken are in the writing of our first Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel J. F. Turnbull, but the greater portion consist of clippings from newspapers, official reports, orders, etc. While in every case there is abundant evidence of the correctness of the facts, various competent authorities being quoted, the names and addresses of the journals from which they were taken have, in most cases, been omitted, and as a consequence the journals in question cannot be given credit for any extracts that may be quoted.

While almost all the information given is inserted with a view to establishing the correctness of the claim made in the first paragraph, an occasional item not bearing on the theme but which is felt to be of general interest, has been inserted.

Of the extracts which follow, the first is taken from Colonel Turnbull's "Preface to the Records" and shows clearly that he recognised a connection between the Cavalry School Corps and the Cavalry of Quebec in the past.

"Now in a School of Instruction such as this Corps is, it seems to me, the Commandant, advisable to first record a little history of Cavalry Service in connection with Quebec in the past—the outcome of which is the Cavalry School Corps of today."

"I find that the first horse in Quebec was the one sent out in 1648 to Governor de Montmagny, and the first mention of mounted retainers or escorts to Governors was when the Marquis de Tracy was here from 1665-1668. For these facts I have to thank Lieut. Colonel J. M. Lemoine, Sedentary Militia, the well known historian of Spencer Grange, and am also indebted to him for many other par-

ticulars and researches which follow."

(signed) J. F. Turnbull, Lt.-Col.
Commandant,
Cavalry School Corps.
Citadel, Quebec, 13-12-86.

"About twenty years before the final conquest of this country, the Governor and Commander in Chief by permission of His Majesty the King of France, raised two troops of Volunteer Cavalry from among the young gentlemen of Quebec, who owned their own horses, allowing them to uniform and equip themselves at their own expense, pretty much in the same way as this Squadron has had to do ever since. No permanent service seems to have been required to be performed by the corps before the war with England, and only occasional parades are spoken off, in fact it is more than probable that at first they were more for ornament than for use. However this may be, no sooner was it known that General Wolfe's expedition was on its way to attack Quebec than these beaux sabreurs were called out for active service and right well did they perform their arduous duties in maintaining communication between General Montcalm's army at Beauport and the city of Quebec, and also patrolling the heights from the Citadel all along the Plains of Abraham and the St. Lawrence River as far as Cap Rouge. Especial mention is made by one of the captains of Wolfe's ships of the indefatigable way in which these men did their duty, and the clever little active horses they rode, looking the picture of what light cavalry should be, in their blue and silver uniforms. During the first winter of British occupation the survivors of the Volunteer Cavalry, with one or two exceptions, returned to civil life, and their professional and commercial employments, taking the natural course of things decided for them by the English and French kings and as a matter of course becoming loyal British subjects after the battle of St. Foy."

Lemoine in his "Quebec Past and Present" tells us that "The Quebec Volunteer Cavalry," numbering 200 men, were commanded by one of Montcalm's Aide-de-Camp, a cavalry officer, Captain LaRoche Beaucourt, or as Mr. Joseph Marmette, in his interesting novel entitled "L'Intendant Bigot," states on page 139, "On forma aussi un corps de cavalerie, et le S. de la Roche-Beaucourt, aide-de-camp de M. de Montcalm, et capitaine de cavalerie, en fut fait commandant."

Miles History of Canada under the French regime says on page

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370 that "Monteal had a reserve of upwards of 2,000 colonial troops and Indians and 350 horsemen."

Knox's "Historical Journal of the Campaign in North America, published in London in 1769, makes constant allusions to, and gives the very highest praise to the valuable services which the Quebec Volunteer Cavalry rendered to the French army in the defence of Quebec.

The historical records show that they were engaged in both the battle of the Plains of Abraham and that of St. Foy, the following spring.

"Little is known of the individual men after this, and nothing was done to revive the Volunteer Cavalry in Quebec until about the year 1805, when the Hon. Mathew Bell determined upon organising a corp of Volunteer Cavalry, and did so a year or two afterwards, spending a very considerable sum of money out of his own private purse to equip them; and as he frequently took the corps to Three Rivers, (about 90 miles) and gave them other opportunities of a run across country with his pack of harriers, many of the "bloods" of the city were in the ranks."

When the American war of 1812 broke out the Quebec Volunteers were the first to offer their services, which were gladly accepted, and up to the termination of hostilities in 1815 the corps was more or less in constant requisition for one kind of duty or another.

To come to more recent times—The Cavalry during the troubles of 1837 performed constant service and received general praise from both the French Canadian and British citizens alike for their uniform good conduct and the moderation with which the arduous and trying police work of that winter was performed—but then, as now, there was always an "esprit de corps" which rose above any party feelings or differences of race or religion—for in the ranks in 1837 were French Canadians, some of them the descendants, too, of the original members, English, Irish, and Scotch, Catholics and Protestants, all animated when in uniform by but one spirit, obedience to orders, and the performance of a soldier's duty."

"In 1855 the Canadian Government, having received a gift of the Ordnance and other lands, decided to establish an active militia force, so a meeting was called at the Albion Hotel of all young gentlemen who were fond of riding to take advantage of the new act and form a troop of volunteer cavalry. The only member who joined at that meeting, who is still in the

squadron, is Lt. Colonel Turnbull. It so happened that difficulties arose about the equipment of officers and other matters, which ended in the troop offering their services to Colonel Bell and officers of the old Quebec Volunteer Cavalry, and incorporated themselves with this ancient corps, thus perpetuating the unbroken continuation of the original regiment down to the present time."

From a perusal of other information given in the same records, the Quebec Volunteer Cavalry continued to function very actively, as the following extracts will show. "The corps was gazetted on the 17th of January, 1856, and formed into a squadron on the 13th of November of the same year. It had also the honour of being inspected by Col. de Rottenberg on the Plains of Abraham, who, at a dinner given to him the same evening at the Kent House, St. Louis Street, made sundry promises, which induced the officers to immediately construct a riding school at their own expense."

"In 1860 the Volunteer Cavalry took a prominent part in the reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, forming escorts, etc., and Mr. J. F. Turnbull was unanimously named, at a meeting of citizens, as secretary of the reception committee."

"In 1865 the presence of the 13th Hussars in Canada was taken advantage of by the government to obtain the formation of two schools of cavalry; four N.C.O.'s from the Quebec Squadron attended the Montreal school."

"The Squadron was called out for service by the municipal authorities in connection with the ship carpenters riots and was also placed on active service in anticipation of the Fenian Raids of 1870."

"The withdrawal of the Imperial Army having caused the formation of a local permanent force in the "A" and "B" Batteries, Major Turnbull, who had received his brevet rank on the 28th of May, 1869, foreseeing the necessity of having also a cavalry school, applied and was sent in 1872 to the 7th Hussars at Aldershot for further instruction, returning in time for the Point Levis Camp, where the Squadron performed their annual drill."

"In 1874 Major Turnbull was promoted to a brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, and attached to the cavalry brigade staff at Aldershot for the manoeuvres of 1875."

"On the 12th of June, 1878, the squadron was called out for service in connection with the ship labourers' riots, and again on the 12th of July, 1879, on each occasion remaining on duty for several days."

"In 1879 the corps received from Her Majesty in consideration of its long and meritorious service and loyalty, permission to be designated 'The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars'."

"...on 30th October, 1879, Lieutenants Thomas S. Hethrington and Charles Sharples' names appeared in the 'Gazette'."

The Thomas S. Hethrington mentioned above, (now a Major on the retired list, and a former Commanding Officer of the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars), was the first officer to be attached to the Cavalry School Corps for instruction. He was attached at about the time the school was organized, and obtained the first certificate ever issued by the school.

The "Records" are replete with much history concerning the various activities of the "Queen's Own Canadian Hussars" and its several forerunners, but enough perhaps has been given to trace the history of that unit, without a break, to the early days of British Canada, and to show its connection with the cavalry of the French regime. The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars were disbanded several years before the Great War.

The Cavalry School Corps was organized in 1883 by Lieutenant-Colonel Turnbull. It was organized as a Hussar unit and as such wore Hussar uniform and remained Hussars until, to again quote from the record, "By a G.O. dated 24th of May, 1892, the Cavalry School Corps from being Hussars was changed to "Canadian Dragoons," and by a G.O. dated 11th of August, 1893, information was received that Her Gracious Majesty had conferred upon the Corps the title of "Royal," so that the Corps will henceforth be designated as "The Royal Canadian Dragoons." For the first two years of its existence the Cavalry School Corps used the saddlery and arms of the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars to enable it to function until the arrival of its own equipment.

When it is realised that it was as an officer of the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars that Colonel Turnbull conceived the idea of forming a cavalry school; that it was in this capacity that he applied for and was granted the necessary appointments to enable him to prepare himself for the task of forming such a school; that it was as Officer Commanding this Corp that he applied for, and mainly through his instigation, that authority was granted him to form the Cavalry School Corps, it will be readily acknowledged that there is a real link between the now defunct Queen's Own Canadian Hussars and the present Royal Canadian

Dragoons. It may not, therefore, be too much to say that the Royal Canadian Dragoons have fallen heir to the historical traditions of the Quebec Volunteer Cavalry; that the record of the Regiment can be carried back to the earliest days of British Canada, and that we form a link with the days when the "Fleur de Lys" flew over the Citadel at Quebec and Wolfe's glorious accomplishment had not yet been achieved.

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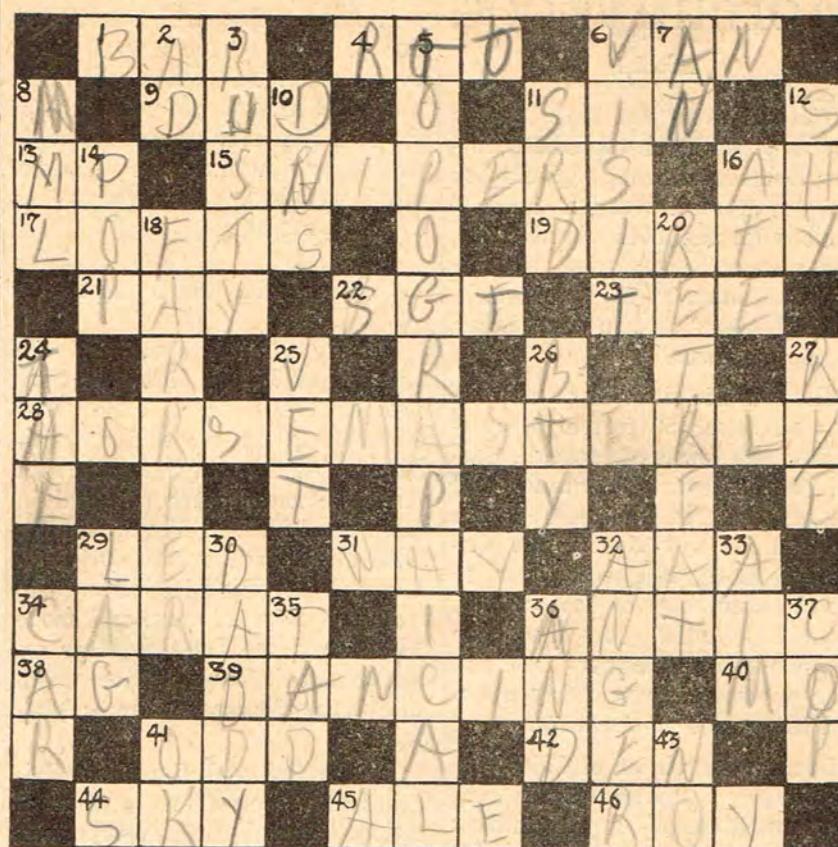
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CROSS WORD PUZZLE



DEFINITIONS

Vertical

- 2.—A state of time. (abbr.)
- 3.—Your rifle gets this way if you are not careful.
- 5.—Being descriptive of a particular place.
- 6.—Brief stay of friendship.
- 7.—An adjective denoting an individual thing.
- 8.—The law which governs the soldier in peace and war. (abbr.)
- 10.—Dragoons. (abbr.)
- 11.—It helped the troops to win the war.
- 12.—What a Cavalryman never is, but a horse often does.
- 14.—A soft drink.
- 16.—Consumed.
- 18.—One who shoes horses.
- 20.—A trumpet call.
- 24.—Definite article.
- 25.—One of long experience in military life. (abbr.)
- 26.—An artillery unit (abbr.)
- 27.—What a Scotchman sings about coming through.
- 29.—To drop behind.
- 30.—A parent.
- 32.—Rage.
- 33.—To direct a rifle at a target.
- 34.—A conveyance.
- 35.—A young lad.
- 36.—Conjunction.
- 37.—A guardian of the law.
- 41.—All right. (abbr.)
- 43.—Negative.

Horizontal

- 1.—An addition to a military decoration.
- 4.—An officer acting as a liaison between troops and the railway service.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE LAGS

The winner of the prize offered for the solution of the Cross-Word Puzzle which appeared in our last issue is Major H. Stethem, R.C.D. The puzzle evidently presented some considerable difficulty of solution, as the replies were not nearly as numerous as expected—in fact, only one other reply was received, this was from F.Q.M.S. Madden, who turned in an almost correct solution. It was not till the morning of the 23rd of March that the solution reached the editor.

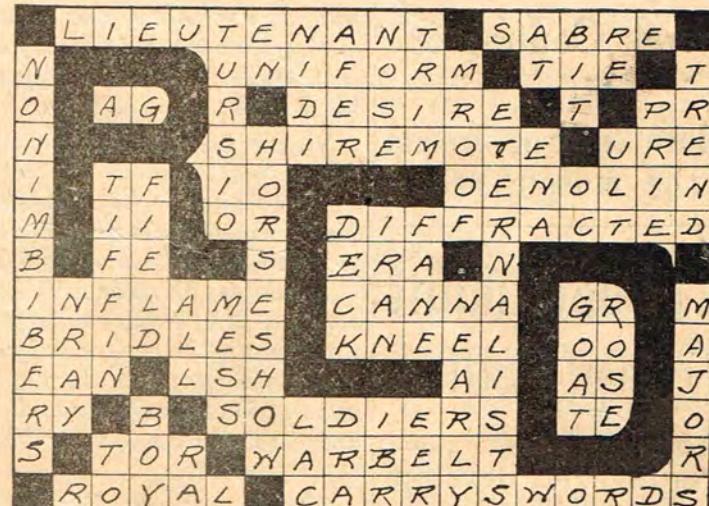
CROSS WORD PUZZLE

A prize of five dollars is offered for the best solution to the Cross Word Puzzle appearing in this issue. Solutions must reach the Editor by May 10th, on which date they will be opened, and the prize awarded to the first correct one.

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- 32.—Stop.
- 34.—3.17 grains.
- 36.—A grotesque gesture.
- 38.—An Associate Member of the Defence Council. (abbr.)
- 39.—Moving with measured steps
- 40.—Military doctor. (abbr.)
- 41.—The files who stand fast when forming fours.
- 42.—A lair.
- 44.—The apparent vault of the heavens.
- 45.—A liquor made from an infusion of malt by fermentation.
- 46.—The Christian name of a famous editor.



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Moreuil Wood

The action of the 2nd Cavalry Division (with the Canadian Cavalry Brigade attached) which took place at Moreuil Wood in front of Amiens on the 30th April, 1918, will always be regarded by the Royal Canadian Dragoons as a "Red Letter" day in the history of the regiment.

The wood is situated on the top of a hill, some 50 feet high, overlooking the towns of Moreuil, Castel, Berteaucourt, Thennes and Domart, and the junction of the rivers Luce and Avre. The distance from the bridge at Castel to the Western edge of the wood is about 200 yards. At that time the surrounding country had not been devastated, was fairly open, and there were no trenches.

During the winter of 1917-1918 the Cavalry Corps were furnishing dismounted battalions and holding a sector of trenches in the St. Quentin area. But early in March they were withdrawn and placed as G.H.Q. Reserve. At that time the Canadian Cavalry Brigade formed part of the 5th Cavalry Division, which was composed mostly of Indian troops, but as Indian troops were being withdrawn from France and sent to Mesopotamia, the 4th and 5th Cavalry Divisions were broken up, and the Canadian Cavalry Brigade was posted to the 3rd Cavalry Division.

On the early morning of the 21st of March the long-expected German offensive began, and by evening brigades of the Cavalry Corps were moving in all directions to fill in the gaps that were being created on our front. On March 23rd the Canadian Cavalry Brigade was in action dismounted on the St. Quentin Canal near Jussy. Then followed weeks of strenuous fighting, and many moves, until finally the Brigade were in the Montdidier area operating with the 2nd Cavalry Division, holding a line in support of the French.

After a long march from Montdidier the Division arrived late on the night of the 29th-30th of March in the Boves area, and were located as follows: Divisional Headquarters and Divisional Troops at Boves; 3rd Cavalry Brigade at Cottency; 4th Cavalry Brigade at Bois de Boves; 5th Cavalry Brigade at Bouteillerie and Cagny, and the Canadian Cavalry Brigade at Guyencourt.

The enemy, steadily gaining ground since March 23rd, were pressing very heavily and had

made a gap on the Demuin, Moreuil front. The area was a new one to most of the troops, maps were practically unobtainable, and a general idea of the vagueness of the situation may perhaps best be shown by quoting the various orders received, which were all of a verbal nature.

Orders for the Attack.

Shortly after 7 a.m. on the morning of March 30th, the General Staff Officer of the 19th Corps rang up the 2nd Cavalry Division on the telephone and said that "Enemy were reported in large wood N.E. of Moreuil on the right flank of the 20th Division. The 2nd Cavalry Division were to cross the Avre at once, and move S.E. across the Luce to clear up the whole situation in the wood, and secure the line as far as Moreuil."

As the 3rd and Canadian Brigades were closest to the scene of action, General Pitman, who commanded the Division, motored at once to Cottency, where he saw General Bell Smyth, commanding 3rd Cavalry Brigade, at 7.30 a.m. and ordered him to cross the river Avre as rapidly as possible at Le Paraclet, and, moving by the shortest route, to seize the high ground at the N.E. corner of Moreuil Wood, then working in conjunction with the Canadian Cavalry Brigade, to restore the situation up to the line of the Moreuil-Demuin road. The move was to commence as soon as possible and which ever Brigade arrived first at the scene of action was to go straight for the high ground. General Pitman then motored to the Canadian Cavalry Brigade at Guyencourt, saw General Seely, whose Brigade was ready to move, and ordered him to cross via Remiencourt and Castel, seize the high ground and work in conjunction with the 3rd Cavalry Brigade. The situation was so obscure, and time such an important factor, that it was not considered possible to give any further detailed orders. The first Brigade to arrive on the scene was to act on its own initiative, according to circumstances, and would be closely supported by the second brigade on its arrival. The Advanced Divisional Headquarters moved to Gentelles, and the 4th and 5th Brigades moved to Bois de Blangy in reserve.

General Seely passed this information on to his Regimental Commanders, and the Brigade was ordered to move at once, the Royal Canadian Dragoons, under the command of Lt. Col. C. T. Van Straubenzee, were detailed as the leading regiment of the Brigade.

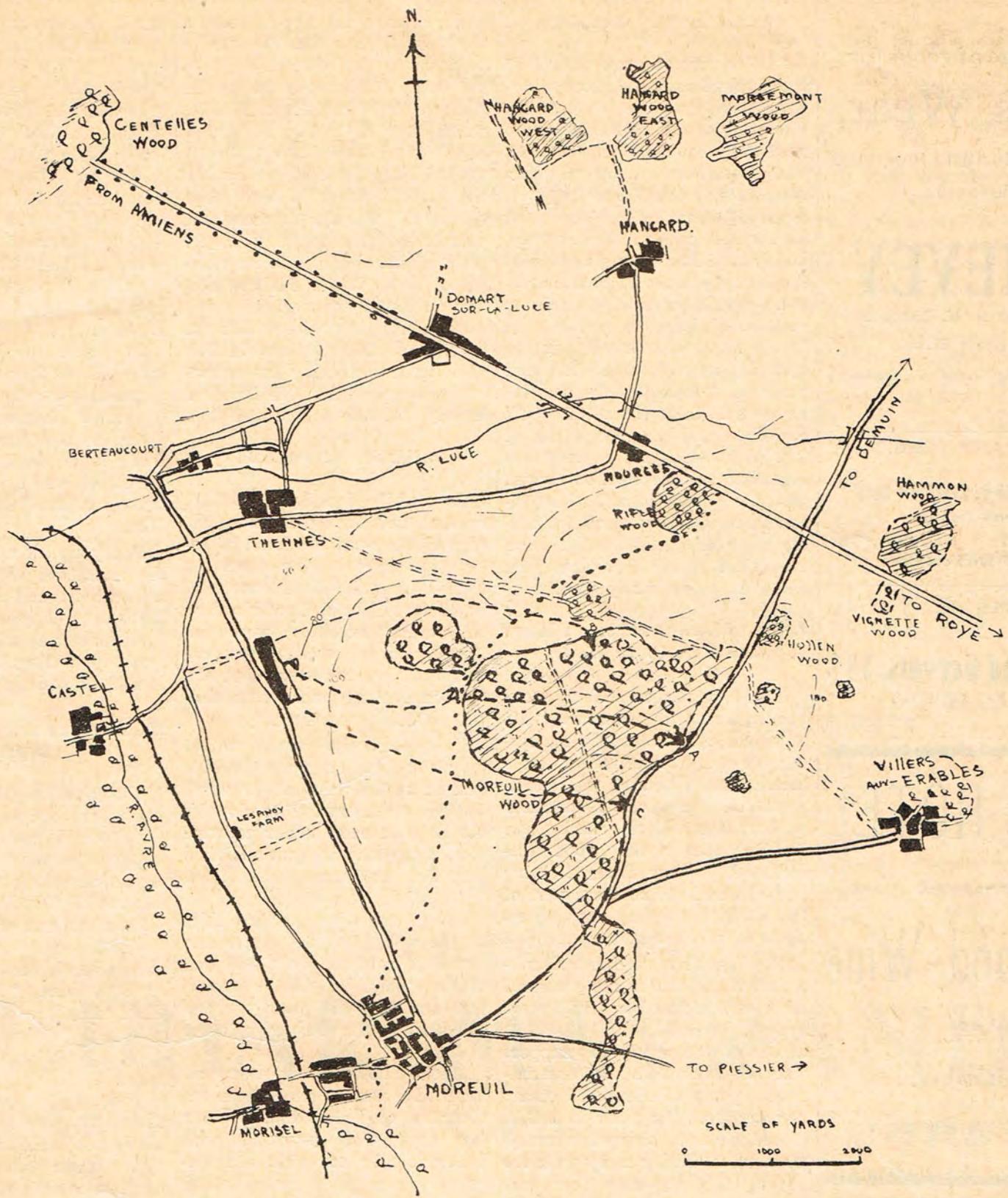
Action of "A" Squadron.

About 8.50 hrs., "A" Squadron being the leading squadron of the Regiment, arrived at the cross-roads S.W. of Castel, and received orders to act as advance guard to the Brigade. The orders issued verbally to Captain R. Nordheimer, who was in command of the Squadron during the absence of Major Bowie, D.S.O., on leave, were to push on with all possible speed and seize the Bois de Moreuil and establish themselves in the N.E. corner. On receiving this order, the Squadron moved off, with the 1st Troop, under Lieut. H. E. Cochran, as van guard. The village of Castel was avoided, the Squadron passing on the Northern side and crossed the River Avre without opposition. On reaching the open ground west of the wood, line of troop columns was formed and the scattered French infantry in shell holes along the hillside waved a cheery greeting as the Squadron cantered past.

The N.W. corner of Moreuil Wood was reached without opposition, and there being no sign of the enemy, the leading troop was ordered to move through the wood in extended order. A small patrol was sent along the track separating the small copse and the main part of the wood, supported by a Hotchkiss gun to protect the left flank. The leading troop, on entering the wood, was met with heavy rifle fire.

General Seely then issued the following verbal orders, which were delivered by Lieutenants D. A. Grant, R.C.D., and M. Drury, R.C.D., who had been attached to Brigade Headquarters as "galloper": "Advanced Guard Squadron to clear N.W. corner of wood. One Squadron to gallop to S.W. face of wood. One Squadron to gallop round N.E. corner and endeavour to join up with second squadron." The order was given to "A" Squadron to dismount, and the whole Squadron, less the flank patrol, moved forward in extended order and entered the western face of the wood. The enemy offered very little opposition and the eastern face of the wood was gained with but few casualties. A line was taken up along the N.E. corner of the wood.

During this fighting Captain Roy Nordheimer and Lieut. Evan Price, D.S.O., M.C., of "A" Squadron, R.C.D., were wounded and evacuated. Lieut. Price, after many months in hospital, was invalided to Canada, where he subsequently died of his wounds after the Regiment had returned from overseas.



Action of "B" Squadron.

On the arrival of the Regiment at the sloping ground N.E. of Castel, "B" Squadron was ordered to move round the N. edge of the wood and to reach the East corner; they were then to wheel to the right and clear the wood from the North. The Squadron moved off under Major R. S. Timmis, in line of troop columns. As they topped the crest they broke into a canter and wheeled to their left, leaving about 150 yards between themselves and the edge of the wood. After covering about half way along the Northern edge, they came under fire from light guns

hidden in the edge of the wood and in trees. The fire was very erratic, mostly being too high or too low. The Squadron Commander then ordered the 1st Troop to wheel to their right and outflank the enemy.

On account of the terrific din, the troop leader failed to hear the order, so Lt. V. Nordheimer, who was acting as 2nd I/C of the Squadron offered to ride over and tell him. The remainder of the Squadron wheeled into line and as the firing was so erratic and the edge of the wood open, charged and disappeared into the wood. Many of the enemy were killed in the hand to hand fighting which took place, while the horses suf-

fered severely through being unable to manoeuvre in the wood. The Regiment suffered a severe loss when Lt. Victor Nordheimer was killed during this action. His body was recovered and buried where he fell.

Several wounded men of "B" Squadron were taken prisoners, but were afterwards released when the enemy were cleared from the wood. During this period Sergt. Parkinson, of "B" Squadron, went through a unique, though somewhat unpleasant, experience. Though unhurt himself, he was pinned to the ground beneath his dead horse, which had fallen against a tree. A party of "Boche" machine gunners came

up and, telling him in English "to keep his head down," proceeded to mount and fire their gun over his dead horse. He was released from his precarious position when "A" Squadron advanced.

Major Timmis rallied the mounted remnants of his Squadron, who numbered only 28 out of the original 80 who had started off with him, and leaving the wood, proceeded to the objective without further opposition. Here he was joined by a squadron of Lord Strathcona's Horse, who had come up under Lieut. Flowerdew, who took over from him. The wounded were collected, and Major Timmis received orders to remain in support.

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Action of "C" Squadron . . .

"C" Squadron, on arrival at the point of assembly, were ordered to proceed at once to clear the S.E. edge of the wood, linking up with "A" Squadron on their left. The Squadron, under Captain Newcomen, proceeded to carry out their task and entered the wood dismounted from the S.W. corner. Heavy fighting took place, but the enemy was forced to withdraw and the Squadron established themselves along the eastern edge of the wood, and extended in the open towards Moreuil. A small party of "Boche" remained between the left flank of "C" Squadron and the right flank of "A" Squadron, and a party was organized to clear them out, which was successfully done. The Squadron suffered heavy casualties during this action, and Lieut. LeMesurier, M.C., received wounds from which he subsequently died.

Action of Lord Strathcona's Horse and Fort Garry Horse

Lord Stratheona's Horse sent one squadron to reinforce "A" Squadron, R.C.D., and the remaining two squadrons advanced to the attack dismounted on the southern face of the wood. A squadron of Fort Garry Horse attacked the northern face of the wood dismounted. Very fierce fighting ensued in all the northern part of the wood, the enemy showing no signs of willingness to surrender.

The squadron of Lord Strathcona's Horse, under the command of Lieut. Flowerdew, who were ordered to work round the N.E. corner of the wood to support "A" Squadron, R.C.D., encountered a party of about 300 enemy retiring from the wood in a S.E. direction and charged through them twice, killing many with the sword. The squadron then took up a position on the right of "A" Squadron, R.C.D., about the centre of the eastern face of the wood. Here they were joined later by the two dismounted squadrons of their Regiment. During this advance Lieut. Harvey, V.C., L.S.H., was wounded, and afterwards received the Military Cross, and shortly after taking up his position Lieut. Flowerdew, L.S.H., received wounds from which he died shortly afterwards. For his gallantry in leading the charge of his squadron he was awarded a posthumous V.C.

Action of the 3rd Cavalry Brigade

In the meantime at 9.30 a.m., the 3rd Cavalry Brigade, which had crossed the river immediately behind the Canadian Brigade and

had remained in support, sent a squadron of the 4th Hussars to work down the western edge of the Bois de Moreuil to secure the right of "C" Squadron, R.C.D., which they did. The remainder of the 4th Hussars (2 squadrons) worked along the western slopes of the ridge between Moreuil and the wood. The 5th Lancers sent patrols to gain touch with the 20th Infantry Division in the vicinity of Rifle Wood, but the situation in that neighbourhood being satisfactory, they were withdrawn to join the 16th Lancers in Brigade Reserve, leaving one squadron to support the 20th Division Enemy Counter Attack and Con-

Solidation of Position.

As "A" Squadron, R.C.D., reached their first position on the edge of the wood a column of enemy transport moving down the Demuin-Moreuil Road was engaged by rifle and Hotchkiss fire, and severe casualties were inflicted. Heavy shelling was encountered at this stage, but the Squadron being well concealed, few casualties occurred.

General Seely issued verbal orders to push on along the high ground at the point of the wood, but in endeavouring to do this the Brigade came under accurate close range machine gun and field gun fire, and were forced back.

By 11 a.m. the Brigade had established themselves on three sides of the wood, but the centre and southern portions were still full of the enemy. Brigade Headquarters and first aid posts were established at the western point of the wood.

About 11.30 a.m. the enemy attempted a counter attack from the direction of Villers aux Erables, but they were repulsed with heavy loss by our rifle and machine gun fire. Prisoners stated that a Prussian Division was behind the ridge, and their main body had begun to move forward when their protective forces were surprised and cut off or driven back.

A squadron of the 16th Lancers was sent to reinforce the 4th Hussars on the right.

At 1 p.m. "A" Squadron of the 16th Lancers was sent to reinforce the Canadian line in the wood, and the remaining squadron of the 16th to maintain touch between "C" Squadron, R.C.D., and the 4th Hussars. "A" Squadron, 16th Lancers proceeded mounted along the track running south through the centre of the wood; about half way through the wood their advanced pointers were suddenly fired upon by machine guns and rifles from the enemy still in the

wood. Incidentally they just arrived in time to detract the attention of the enemy away from General Seely, who whilst making a personal mounted reconnaissance of the situation, had come perilously close to them and drawn their fire. The Squadron withdrew, dismounted, and advanced, supported by two machine guns. Shortly afterwards 80 men of the Warwicks and "C" Squadron of the 16th Lancers reinforced between the Canadians and the 4th Hussars.

At 3 p.m. the 5th Lancers reinforced, one squadron being made responsible for the left flank, and a general advance was made all along the line. The whole eastern face of the wood was cleared of the enemy, and by 4.15 p.m. a line was consolidated facing South and West.

Heavy fighting continued for the remainder of the day along the southern and eastern edges of the wood, the enemy making several counter-attacks accompanied by heavy shelling, but the men dug in and the position was maintained

Machine Gun and Horse Artillery Support.

The Machine Gun Squadrons came into action in support of their own brigades, two sections of the Canadian Machine Gun Squadron taking up positions in support of "A" Squadron, R.C.D.

Practically no artillery was used on either side until about 9.30 a.m., when it became fairly active on both sides. "D" Battery, R.H.A. came into action south west of Castel, and greatly assisted in repelling the enemy counter attacks.

The enemy brought heavy gun fire to bear on the location of the led-horses, inflicting many casualties. Their positions had to be changed several times during the day. Lieut. John Crear, "A" Squadron, R.C.D., who was in charge of the led horses of the Regiment, was wounded.

During the early stages of the engagement when things were moving quickly, all orders had to be delivered verbally by "galloper," but as the line became stabilized, communication was established by the Signallers, but good observation was impeded by mist and rain.

Relieved by 8th Infantry Division

Word was received that the Cavalry would be relieved at 6 p.m. by a composite Infantry Brigade, but it was not until 11.40 p.m. that the 8th Infantry Division began to take over the line, and the relief was completed at 2.30 a.m.

on March 31st. The 3rd Cavalry Brigade, less the 5th Lancers, who were left to support the Infantry, withdrew to Thennes, and the Canadian Cavalry Brigade to the Bois de Senecat. The Royal Canadian Dragoons were the last unit to move out of the wood, and it is rather interesting that, although casualties had occurred both mounted and dismounted and with the led-horses, when the order was given to mount there was exactly one horse per man.

4th and 5th Cavalry Brigades.

During the day the 4th Cavalry Brigade were held in Divisional Reserve, and the 5th Cavalry Brigade were in action near Hangard Wood, about three miles north of Moreuil Wood.

At 9.15 a.m. the Royal Scots Greys were sent to support the 61st Infantry Division, where they made a slight advance and dug in in the vicinity of the Bois de Hangard.

At 2 p.m. orders were received to get in touch with the Ninth Australian Brigade, and to place a regiment at their disposal. The 12th Lancers were therefore detailed to assist in a counter-attack and protect their left flank. The 12th Lancers worked in close touch

with the 33rd Australian Battalion, and reached the wood east of the Bois de Hangard (christened by the Australians Lancer Wood as a compliment to the 12th Lancers) at about 4.15 p.m. The infantry in that neighbourhood were exhausted, but the moral effect of the arrival of the cavalry had an appreciable effect on them. The 12th Lancers, working in conjunction with the 33rd Australian Battalion, cleared Lancer Wood of the enemy, who had obtained a footing on the southern and eastern edges. Lancer Wood was heavily shelled by the enemy, which caused many casualties.

The 5th Cavalry Brigade withdrew to the Bois de Blangy about 7.30 p.m.

Result of the Action

Standing on the heights around Moreuil one could plainly see in the not-far distance, the spires and smoke stacks of the great city and important railways centre of Amiens, and one could not help but realize that then or never the "Boche" must be stopped.

Although the casualties were heavy and the position was re-taken by the enemy a few days later, nevertheless the operations had a decided bearing on the gen-

eral situation, because the coinciding attacks on Moreuil and Hangard Woods gave the enemy his first real check since the start of the offensive on the 21st of March, and gave our infantry the necessary breathing space to establish the line which they approximately held until they advanced on 8th of August.

Moreuil Wood may always be looked upon with pride by any member of the 2nd Cavalry Division, especially so by the Canadian Cavalry Brigade, and most especially by the Royal Canadian Dragoons; for although all units did their share of consolidating and holding the position, it was originally taken by the Canadian Cavalry Brigade, with the Royal Canadian Dragoons leading. A fact which was duly recognized by the citizens of Amiens after the Armistice when they granted permission to the Regiment to erect a memorial tablet to their fallen comrades, and turned out in large numbers to witness its unveiling in their historic cathedral.

The following officers of the Regiment received immediate awards: Lieut. A. Jarvis, Regimental Signalling Officer, the Military Cross; Lieut. H. E. Cochran, "A" Squadron, the Military Cross; Lieut. H. V. LeMesurier,

"C" Squadron, a bar to the Military Cross.

OUR MONTHLY FAIRY STORY

The Local Council of Temperance Workers have secured a very novel picture intended for prohibition propaganda purposes in Ontario.

One particular interesting feature was filmed at Stanley Barracks, Toronto, and represented the horse "Admiral Toby" carefully posed by Major R. S. Timmins, D.S.O., R.C.D., in the act of kissing the ear of the Hon. Mr. Raney, while at the same time Tony obliges by kicking in the head of a forty gallon barrel of 4.4 beer which has been placed in a convenient position in rear. Other details in this pose consist of a large body of soldiers, led by Lieut. G. Chadwick, cheering lustily.

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Fire Alarm Practice.

On Tuesday, March 24th, an event of great importance took place at the Cavalry Barracks. For weeks those who were interested in signs, spirit reading, crystal gazing and other methods of foretelling untoward events, had predicted a "Fire Alarm," but, "as hours passed into days," as the C.O. said, as he awarded a culprit a second term of detention, and nothing happened to disturb the slumbering peacefulness of the Barracks, skeptical people doubted the soothsayers, and again reverted to the custom of removing their boots at night and leaving a glass of "Bill Hargreaves'" best half empty on the table while they lit a fag.

On the morning of the 24th of March, however, the signs became too apparent to ignore. The Prophets of Gloom noted that on the night previous two members of the Officers Mess had stealthily departed for Montreal, presumably to be present at the Provincial Boxing Tournament, although those in the know freely voiced the opinion that they had gone in to see something new "in hose." Then again the morning was rather chilly and ideal for those whose duty it was to direct the nozzle of the fire hose where the water would be the least effective. About 9.30 Captain LeBlanc was seen to leave Barracks on horse-back, an occurrence which was noted by the wise ones as foretelling an unusual event. The soothsayers noted that his lithesome figure jauntily bestrode "Jingo," bred from "the Wooden Horse of Troy," out of "Condition." Mr. Webster defines the word "Jingo" as "an advocate of warlike policy" so the "word went to the Ephesians," as the Rev. Mr. Jones would say, that something was in the wind besides the odour from the cook-house.

At 11 a.m. Major Bowie was seen in conference with Captain LeBlanc and the S.S.M., and the three of them adjourned to the Orderly Room, where, behind closed doors, but not beyond the keen ears of "Nobbie" Ellis, the final details were gone over. At noon the final plans had been settled and ten minutes later were being broadcasted over the Barracks; it was generally known that the "fire" was to take place in the stables between 1.40 and 2.00 p.m., so head ropes were surreptitiously loosened during noon stables and everything that the horses might trip over as they rushed excitedly from their boudoirs, was swept up by an energetic fatigue party. A hasty meal was served in the Officers Mess,

much to the disgust of the members of the Headquarters Staff, who were present to settle a question that had defied the best brains in the Army for months, namely, whether "D" Company, The R.C.R., was an accounting unit or not. Several members of the Board were forced to be content with only three cocktails before lunch and were in the midst of the their second helping of "Rice Pudding à la Manning" when the silence was broken by the clarion calls of L/Cpl. Godsmark and his merry band of trumpeters. Not to be outdone in the matter of sound, the R.C.R. buglers took up the challenge and soon the walls resounded with the stirring notes of Fire Alarm, Retreat, Last Post, Pay Call and the Charge. A rush was made for the Guard Room and it was hardly more than ten minutes before the now thoroughly awakened sentry had aroused his comrades from their mid-day torpor and the whole four of them were lined up ready to be paid. The N.C.O. in charge rushed for his Fire Orders but found them missing and with great presence of mind remembered that they had been used as a Bridge score the night before. On questioning No. 2 Relief, he unearthed the fact that the latter, being the heaviest loser, had thrown them into the rubbish heap. Finally, in less time than it takes to mount a Guard on the Garrison Parade Ground, the orders were found and acted upon. The Commander of the Guard had not been informed where the fire was, as called for in paragraph 1, but being a man of rare intelligence, he concluded from the fact that the horses were being bodily hurled out of the stables and the Staff were still grouped in front of the Mess, that the fire was in the former place. He immediately tried to close the electric switch in "the small glass box" in the Guard Room, but found no glass box; on ordering the trumpeteer to sound "the alarm" he was dismayed to find the latter was "a Bugler." The gong was smitten with sharp blows delivered with the butt of the sentry's rifle, and this was kept up during the entire proceeding as, according to orders, "all troops must turn out," and Q.M.S. Mauchon was still asleep in the workshops and utterly oblivious to the disturbance. A steady stream of civilians arrived and one, claiming to be the chief of the local Fire Dept., one claiming to be the Assistant Chief, ten claiming to be members, were admitted free according to orders, but the good nature of the N.C.O. was put to a severe test when the last intruder, on being questioned, claimed that

he was "the fire."

In the meantime the Reel Crews had assembled at their wrong stations and were measuring the distance from the nearest hydrant to the fire. The consensus of opinion favoured the one nearest the Canteen and eventually several lengths of perforated hose were attached. The Fire Extinguisher Crews proceeded at the regulation pace to the stables, where they were immediately knocked over by the stream of horses who, with great presence of mind, were carrying their masters to a place of safety. Finally four extinguishers were found, and the crews, after satisfying themselves that these were empty, sat down to watch proceedings. The Ladder Crew from the R.C.R. who resented the imputation that they were "climbers" arrived on the scene with the 54-ft. ladder reduced for lightness, as the Machine Gun Manual says, to 34 ft. 6 inches, and proceeded to poke the end through the window in the stable loft. The crew grouped themselves at the bottom ready to welcome any person who might descend like "The Thief of Bagdad" from the confines of the loft. The Adjutant, reverting in time of stress to his former occupation, immediately brought out "The Goat."

The remainder of the R.C.R. (strength 3 O.R.) and those members of "A" Squadron who were not being transported to and fro upon the lawns by playful horses, fell in on the square and awaited the outcome with fear and trembling. Major Bowie, who had kept cool during the time of stress, called frantically for the Fire Master, and both of them appeared. Lieutenant Hammond claimed that Captain Leblanc had not handed over to him before the "alarm" went, while the latter was heard to remark that if he had not handed over, he had "put it over him" anyway. Finally the horses were summoned to their senses by the S.S.M., who pacified them with his plaintive ditty: "What the bl—d—H—I, What the bl—d—H—I, What the bl—d—H—I;" the "Dismiss" was sounded by all trumpeters and buglers who were not in the Canteen ready to salvage stock, and once more the Barracks returned to normal. Major Bowie took occasion to compliment the men on their "sang froid." The Staff adjourned for refreshments. Captain Leblanc to his slumbers, add the C.O. and his mouthpiece to ruminate on the success of their efforts. "Taking it as a whole," as Major Nordheimer remarked when his horse stepped into a space between the tracks, it was a "howling success" and we hope to be favoured with an encore in the near future.

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Why does the Trooper "stay in" at night,
And clean his kit 'till it's gleaming bright,
Go to bed early, and not get "tight?"
Spring Fever.

What makes the "bad ones" go A.W.L.
And cause the Padre to sigh and tell
His friends "The boys are going to—well",
Spring Fever.

Why does the Corporal sigh with pain,
Compiling his "Section Roll" again.
"Wll it e'er remain two days the same?"
Spring Fever.

Why does the Sergeant "beard the dragon,"
Renounce the copious frothy flag on,
In other words, 'go on the wagon?'
Spring Fever.

And the Sergeant Major, unbending,
Will quiz the men with jokes unending,
If they don't laugh—may heaven attend 'em.
Spring Fever.

The "Looey" forgets his modest "pip,"
Shouts "Cheerio" or perhaps "hip-hip."
Of Love's nectar takes a jolly sip.
Spring Fever.

The Captain, man of erudition,
Will view the ladies with suspicion,
They will not mar his life's ambition.
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And the Major, getting ambitious
About the "cut" of the men's breeches;
The tailor must sew uniform stitches.
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The Colonel, with great elation,
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P.L.D.G. Dinner.—"The next war will not be a case of army against army, but will be nation against nation. We must organize our whole nation," declared Major General J. H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Chief of the Staff, speaking at the annual dinner of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club on March 17th.

General MacBrien also stated that in the next war the regiments picked for service will be the militia regiments, and not, as in the case of the late war, newly organised forces which had to be first organized before they could be trained. The general's announcement was greeted with cheers. The dinner was a most happy and successful affair. The annual meeting of the officers was held previous to the dinner.

Lt. Col. W. A. Blue, officer commanding the P.L.D.G., was in the chair at both functions.

General MacBrien, in his address laid particular emphasis on the new reserve regiments which are being formed in connection with all militia regiments. These reserves, the general stated, will, in case of war, carry on the base organisation, while the active officers will serve with the active unit. He replied to the toast to headquarters staff, proposed by Col. Blue. Col. Walter Denison, Toronto, president of the Canadian Cavalry Association, also spoke, dwelling on the need of keeping regimental organisations intact, at a time when militia funds did not permit of efficient training programs. Col. J. R. Munro, officer commanding the 2nd Mounted Brigade, of which the P.L.D.G. forms one unit, also spoke. The guests at the dinner included these three, together with Lt. Col. W. K. Walker, commandant of the Canadian Small Arms School; Lt. Col. H. J. Coghill, of headquarters' staff. Two former commanding officers of the regiment were present, Col. Munro and Col. C. J. Burritt.

At the annual meeting the following committees were elected to carry on the regimental departments for the coming year: Mess. President, Major F. B. Inkster, secretary, Captain C. E. Steeves, and Captain G. H. A. Collins; sports and entertainment, Captain Russell R. Sparks, Lt. Douglas Blair, Lt. Drummond Code and Lt. Murray Williams; shooting, Captain C. E. Bleakney, Lt. H. R. T. Gill, Lt. McPherson, and Major J. D. Fraser; auditors, Major E. B. Neison, M.C., Captain E. A. Devitt, Lt. Gill and Lt. Code.

To Hold Debate.—An interesting debate will be held in the near future at one of the regular meetings of the Over and Back Club. The subject will be: "Is the 4.4 an effective weapon against schooners of the Frontenac and Black Horse class?" Several leading authorities on H.E. are to take part on each side. The commander of H.M.S. Henri has offered the use of his wardroom for the event.

Signs of Spring.—With the robins chirping to beat the band and the sound of running waters, we are almost sure that spring has come. Then Harry Coghill brings out his car all freshly brilliantined and Claude Hill spends a few days taking the moth balls out of the family bus. Tiny Walker buys a new pair of seven league boots with a five inch sole and begins his ten miles a day walking. Reg. Orde walks down Sparks street wearing a bran new judicial look of 1925 pattern and "Duke" Sawyers appears with his passionate gloves and cheery smile. These are the days.

Not in Competition.—George Roy says he has no idea of entering into competition with President Eliot, of Harvard, in the Five Foot Shelf of Books class.

Not the Cause.—It is announced officially that the visit of Beaudry Leblanc had nothing to do with the various earthquakes that have been shimmying around this section of the banana belt during the last few weeks.

To Inspect Cadets.—His Honor Lieut. Governor Harry Cockshutt has accepted an invitation from the Ottawa Collegiate Institute Board to inspect the cadet corps of the Lisgar street and Glebe collegiates and the Technical School on May 29th, on Parliament Hill.

Red Patch Dinner.—The annual dinner of the Red Chevron Association will be held on the evening of the 22nd inst at the Chaudiere Golf Club.

Garrison Officers Dine.—Upwards of 150 officers of Headquarters and the Ottawa Garrison held their first annual dinner on the evening of the 28th of March at the Chaudiere Golf Club. The chair was taken by Lieut. Col. R. Girard, Croix de Guerre, Chevalier d'Honneur, and the guest of the evening was Major General J. H. MacBrien, who spoke to the gathering.

Got Telegrams.—A number of those at Headquarters received

telegrams from Captain Al. Plunkett on the 1st instant. He was getting in touch with all dumbbells.

"Casey" Passes On.—Many ex-members of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade will regret to learn of the death at Kingston, on the 3rd inst., of "Casey," the famous charger and pal of Major General Sir Archibald Macdonnell. "Casey" was full of years, being over 25, and took on with the Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles at Winnipeg in 1907. He was with General Macdonnell all the time and went with him when the Mounted Rifles became Lord Strathcona's Horse. He served all through the late war and he and his genial rider were well known figures on the roads and plains of France and Flanders. He and the general were wont to go for a canter each morning, the last one being the day of his death.

Spring Training.—With the weather getting better and better and the ground greener, spring training in the Ottawa garrison is commencing. All units are getting under way and every evening the ancient drill hall (erected by William of Mackenzie) is crowded with poverty-stricken but enthusiastic citizen soldiers. Lord only knows what the vote will be this year for training, but at Headquarters they say that the troops will train, if the War Council have to hock the new Centre Block to pay the damage. Boy! page Agnes McPhail.

Toronto Notes.

CRIBBAGE

On the evening of March 24th, the Station Sergeants' Mess, Stanley Barracks, Toronto, were successful in defeating by a score of 24 to 12 the team from the Sergeants' Mess, Queen's Own Rifles, with whom they were tied for first place, thereby winning the Challenge Cup for the year 1925. This cup becomes the property of the first team which is successful in winning it three times. The cup was won last year by the Toronto Scottish Sergeants' Mess.

A box has been placed near the Regimental Orderly Room in which are to be placed "Literary efforts for The Goat." By a strange coincidence the lock of this box is stamped "Bull." Whether this refers to the Literary efforts or not is hard to say, but it is presumed that some of the contributions will contain "Lots of Bull."

OBITUARY

Deep regret is expressed by all ranks at this Station at the death of Sergeant Major Instructor (W.D.I.) Henry William Figg, R.C.R., who died after an illness of two days from Uraemic Poisoning and Myocarditis at the Memorial Hospital, Dunnville, Ontario, on the 12th of March, 1925.

Sergeant Major Figg was assisting at a Provisional School of Infantry at Dunnville, Ont., for the Haldimand Rifles, when he was stricken with this fatal disease on March 10th, 1925.

He has had a long stretch of service with the Imperial and Canadian Forces. He was born at Rangoon, Burma, fifty years ago, and enlisted in the South Staffordshire Regiment in India at the age of thirteen years. He later transferred to the Essex Regiment, with which he served in various parts of the British Empire. He was discharged from the Imperial Army with 24 years and 55 days service. He came to Canada in 1911, joining the Royal Canadian Regiment as a private. He soon had promotion on the Instructional Cadre and attained his present rank in June 1922. He was in possession of the King and Queen's South African Medals, General Service and Victory Medals, and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

The funeral of the deceased was held from his residence on Saturday, March 14th, to the Soldiers' Plot in Prospect Cemetery, Toronto, with full military honors. "B" Company, The Royal Canadian Regiment, furnished the Firing Party and the Royal Canadian Dragoons the gun carriage. The band of the 48th Highlanders was in attendance. The pallbearers were all Warrant Officers, Class I, of the Permanent Active Militia stationed in Toronto.

Regimental H.Q. and "B" Squadron, R.C.D., were represented by a detachment, and all Permanent and Non-Permanent Units in the Garrison had representatives present.

The funeral service at the residence and graveside was conducted by Rev. J. R. MacLean, of St. John's Garrison Church (Chaplain of the Garrison). On the conclusion of the Military Service, the Veterans Masonic Lodge, who were in attendance, conducted the last rites of the Masonic Order.

The floral tributes were numerous and exquisite in their grandeur.

The military funeral was one of the largest ever witnessed in Toronto, and all streets to the Cemetery were lined with thousands of

citizens, who, as the cortege passed, paid their respects to a warrior.

Sergeant-Major Figg is survived by his widow, two daughters, and a son, all living at home.

This Regiment extends its deepest and heart-felt sympathy to the widow and children of the deceased in their irreparable loss of a loving husband and father.

Bate, Lieut. Chadwick, Q.M.S. Lyne.

Hunters, (Monnett Trophy for Amateur Hunters) (novice or open), 3rd, Lieut. Chadwick, 4th, Captain Bate.

Hunters, Novice Heavyweight, 2nd, Lieut. Chadwick.

Hunters, Open, Lightweight, 2nd, Captain Bate.

The Master's Trophy, Annual Competition for Hunters and Jumpers, 1st, Captain Bate.

Officers Jumping, 2nd, Lieut. Chadwick, 4th, Capt. Bate.

N.C.O.'s and Troopers Jumping, 1st, Q.S.M. Lyne, on Great Heart; 2nd, Tpr. Galloway, on Subaltern.

The Master's Trophy, a very handsome cup, is presented for open competition for Hunters and Jumpers, and Captain Bate is particularly to be complimented on winning it. Cups, in addition to ribbons, were given for 1st and 2nd places. Captain Bate rode his privately owned "Golden Gleam" and Mr. Chadwick, "Subaltern," his government charger, No. "B" 59.

We congratulate Major H. Stethem on the success which attended him at his recent examination.

Extracts from examination papers written by two budding R.C.D. subalterns in referring to oats:

"Colonels should be soft and very thin and of sour taste."

"The Colonel should stick out slightly."

"The Colonel should taste like oatmeal when chewed."

"Colonels should be small."

The examiner wonders whether their minds were wandering, or did they mean "kernels."

Captain Bate, Lieut. Chadwick and Trooper Galloway, of "B" Squadron, and Q.M.S. Lyne, R.C.A.V.C., took part in some of the events, and are to be congratulated on the showing they made, as will be seen from the following results:

Hunt Teams, 2nd place, Captain

The Sergeants' Mess of the Royal Canadian Dragoons entertained at a dance at Stanley Barracks, Toronto, on the evening of the 30th of March.

The Gymnasium, where the dance was held, was tastily decor-

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ated, for which great credit is due Trooper Duff, and a choice and varied programme of dances was very much enjoyed by all present. Songs were rendered by Mr. Binns, tenor, and Mr. Watt, baritone, and were greatly appreciated. An excellent supper, served at 11 p.m., helped towards the success of the entertainment. Sergeant Tamblyn acted as M.C., and ably carried out his duties.

The guests included many present and ex-members of the Regiment, as well as representatives of the various militia units of the city, and numbered in the neighbourhood of 150. Among those present were Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Bell, Lt. Col. Rhoades, Major Timmis, Major and Mrs. Stethem, Captain and Mrs. Berteau, Captain Bate, Lt. Col. Evans, Major and the Misses Shergold, Major, Mrs. and Miss Steer. R.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Merigan, Sergeant and Mrs. Merrix, Sergeant and Mrs. Davidson. Sergeant and Mrs. Fletcher, and Sergeants Dunbar and Foot.

An enjoyable evening was spent by all present and many complimentary expressions as to the success of the dance were received by the committee, who are to be complimented on the successful manner in which the varied events of the evening were carried out.

The Committee was as follows: S.M.I., G. D. Churchward, R.Q.M.S. McLean, S.S.M.I. H. Karcher ad Sergeant Tamblyn. The catering was ably done by Sergeant Smith, of "B" Squadron.

The Toronto Hunt Carnival was held at the Coliseum in the Canadian National Exhibition Grounds on the evenings of the 27th and 28th of March, and was attended by a large number of all ranks from Stanley Barracks. The event, whatever the financial result, was certainly a success so far as the performance itself was concerned, and reflected great credit on those responsible for the production.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons were represented in several numbers in addition to furnishing a team for the Mounted tug-of-war. Mr. Percy Arnoldi, an ex-officer of the Regiment, made an excellent "Dick Turpin" in the "Coaching Party" scene, and also appeared to advantage as a "Knight in Armour" in the "Mediaeval Court." The "Display of Swordsmanship, Officers of all Nations," under the direction of Major Timmis, furnished an interesting and pleasing spectacle. The R.C.D. Officers who took part in this number were Lieut. W. G. Chadwick, Captain G. Berteau and Major Timmis. Captain Berteau, on "Dandy," gave a

very spirited performance and shared the honours of the event with Major Timmis. In the tug-of-war the Regimental team was only successful in getting second place, being defeated in two straight pulls, by a team from the Governor General's Body Guard. Teams from the Mississauga Horse and C.F.A. also competed.

Following the conclusion of the Carnival, Colonel Walker Bell, D.S.O., and Officers of Stanley Barracks, were the hosts at a dance at the Barracks, given for General Bell, G.O.C. M.D. 2, and Mrs. Bell. The guests, who numbered 250, were received by General and Mrs. Bell and Colonel and Mrs. Walker Bell. The reception took place in the Mess Room, which was decorated with palms and spring flowers. Mrs. Bell wore a becoming black charmeuse gown and black feathered hat. Mrs. Walker Bell wore a smart frock of lipstick red chiffon with gold cloth, and black hat with ospreys. An excellent orchestra furnished delightful music. Supper was served in the Billiard Room. Among those present were: Colonel and Mrs. Parsons, Mr. George Beardmore, M.F.H., Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Beardmore, Col. and Mrs. Langford, Col. and Mrs. Rhoades, Miss Rhoades, Major and Mrs. Stethem, Major Van den Berg, Major Timmis, Major and Mrs. Baty, Captain and Mrs. Beresford, Captain and Mrs. Berteau, Captain Bate, Mr. Blake, Mr. Chadwick, Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Temple, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Case, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Plummer, Mr. Murray Fleming, Mr. Percy Arnoldi, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Heighington, Major and Mrs. Cecil Cowan, Mrs. George Allen, Mrs. Raymond Willis, Lt. Col. Ian Sinclair, Mr. Cyril Maud and members of his company, Mr. Harry Hees, Mr. Bate, Captain and Mrs. Fenton, of London, Mr. C. A. Bogert, Mr. Alfred Beardmore, Mrs. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. W. Beardmore, Mrs. Hugh Fraser, Col. Reginald Geary, Mr. Walter Rawlinson, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart McFarlane, Miss Margaret MacKenzie, Miss Jane MacDonnell, Mr. Gilbert Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Carr-Harris, Mr. John Gray and Mr. Duke West.

MISTAKE CAUSES AN UPROAR.

Quite a little excitement prevailed in "B" Squadron on St. Patrick's Day, necessitating the turnout of the whole Station. It appears that Q.M.S. Hilton and our old friend Tom Duff were very busy hanging and nailing up "No Smoking" signs, when they thought they would decorate the "Sick

Lines" in fine style. Tom procured a ladder and up he went, taking his bearing from the Q.M.S. "Now, Duff, whatever you do, don't slip, or you'll break your neck." "No, Quarters, I won't. I'm alright." He was as good as his word. Tom did not slip off the ladder, but he did let his hammer slip—in the wrong place. Instead of hitting the nail that was to hold up the sign, he hit the fire alarm. As soon as that happened Q.M.S. Hilton, who was holding the ladder, vanished, and Tom says he will bet his bottom dollar that he set up a new speed record for the two squadrons.

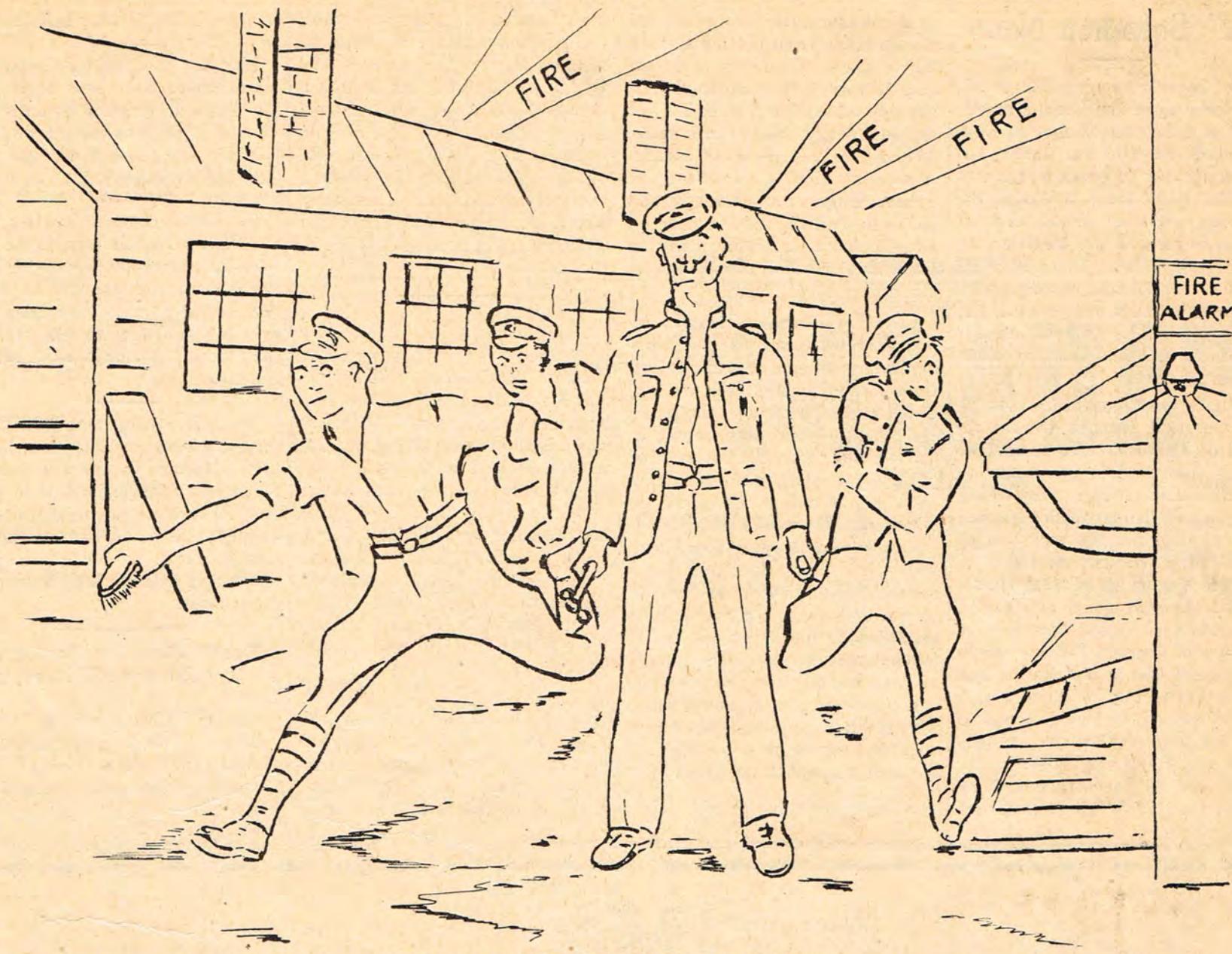
Troops appeared from all directions, and poor old Duff almost passed away when he saw the Station Adjutant running up to see where the fire was. Major Stethem: "Where is the fire, Trooper Duff?" "Which fire, sir?" Major Stethem: "Didn't you ring the fire alarm?" "No, sir, I—I didn't." "Well, what are you doing with the alarm in your hand?" "Oh,—this thing here, sir. I made a mistake—I made a mistake, Sir. I meant to hit this nail but this thing (the alarm) fell off, Sir. Ask Q.M.S. Hilton, Sir, he was holding the ladder when the bell started to ring, and now I can't locate him no place."

Naturally the troopers were indignant, with it being a false alarm, having lost five minutes from grooming. At the height of grazing Sergeant King was plainly heard humming "Oh ma honey, aint we got fun?" Needless to say S.S.M. Copeland declaimed "Pon me sowlie, ah wooden believe eny of the min could move so fast. And as for that man Duff, dear me, if he carries on like that he'll get everybody hung yet."

One of the most famous golf bunkers in the world is the formidable "Hell" on St. Andrews Old Course. Once when a very distinguished English prelate was playing over the course, he found himself badly placed in that particular hazard. Seizing his niblick determinedly, he descended into the depths and played a marvelous recovery shot. "That was a good shot, was it not?" he called to the professional. "A very good shot," came the instant reply. "You got out of "Hell" very well, Bishop. When ye dee, mind an' tak yer niblick wi' ye."

Distracted wife (at bedside of sick husband): "Is there no hope, doctor?"

Doctor: "I don't know, madame. Tell me first what you are hoping for."



ST. PATRICK'S DAY STANLEY BARRACKS.

Ex-Sapper Duff, our handy man, again hits the wrong nail on the head with the above results.

Correspondence:

416 Fulton Avenue,
Hempstead,
Long Island, N. Y.
March 15th, 1925.

To the Editor of "The Goat."

Sir:-

Enclosed please find my subscription for the ensuing year.

In the February edition I notice you mention that "The Goat" circulates from the Suez Canal, Egypt, to Esquimalt, B.C. May I also add that "The Goat" has been on "The Great White Way," Broadway, New York.

I am connected with the James Butler, Inc., Wholesale Groceries, and my office is located at 42nd Street and Broadway. There is a staff of thirty in the office, and each one looks forward to an opportunity of reading "The Goat." It is interesting to the civilian as well as to the soldier.

Wishing the editor and his staff the greatest success during the fol-

lowing years of "The Goat's" existence,

I remain,
Yours respectfully,
Albert J. Martin.

(Extract from a letter received by O.C. Cavalry Barracks, from Mr. W. P. Armstrong, Boxing Director of the M.A.A.A.)

"On behalf of our little party, I would like, through you, to thank not only your staff and the men under your command, but the citizens of St. Johns as well for the most hospitable manner in which they treated our boys who attended the Boxing Competition at the Cavalry Barracks."

(Copy of letter received from O.C. "B" Coy., The R.C.R.
Stanley Barracks,
Toronto, Ont.
March 19th, 1925
To Officer Commanding.
Royal Canadian Dragoons;
Toronto, Ontario.

Late No. 12501 S.M.I. (W.O.I.)

H. W. W. Figg, I.C. (Inf.) The Royal Canadian Regiment.

It is desired to express the appreciation of all members of Toronto Station, The Royal Canadian Regiment, for the very liberal donation of all ranks of The Royal Canadian Dragoons towards a band for the funeral of the late Sergeant Major Instructor H. W. Figg.

The large turn-out of the members of The Royal Canadian Dragoons at the funeral was also very much appreciated.

(Sgd.) G. W. Beresford Lt. & Capt. for Major and Bt. Lt. Col. Commanding Toronto Station, The R.C.R.

St. Stephen, N.B.
March 26th, 1925

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find money order for two dollars, being two years' subscription to our old friend The Goat. I regret very much that this was not forwarded last month when it expired, but I was busy at the time and it slip-

ped my memory. However, I take this opportunity of congratulating you and your associates on the continued success of the paper and may it ever prosper.

Yours very truly,
H. E. Clements.

Over the port the youngest of the dinner party insisted on recounting his war experiences to his bored elders. "I was in the Air Force, you know," he said, "and once I had a perfectly dreadful experience. My balloon was shot down by the Boche and I had to jump over, knowing well that if my parachute failed to open my brains would be dashed out on the ground below." There was a short silence, and then the host said, "And they were, eh?"

Extract from—Squadron Orders: "Men wishing to use boats, fish, etc., will use the wharf"—where we hope that the fish will be present to be made "use" of when required.

"A" Squadron Notes.

On Tuesday evening, March 31, the Officers of the Station assembled at a farewell dinner to Captain Leblanc, who was leaving the following day to commence a two months' leave, prior to leaving the Service. Owing to the visit of Major-General J. H. McBrien, C. B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Chief of Staff to Montreal, District Headquarters were unable to be represented, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm by those present.

During the course of the evening the Guest of Honour was in receipt of numerous cables and telegrams from various personages of international renown, expressing regret at their unavoidable absence and wishing him the very best of luck. Major Bowie, on rising to propose the health of 'Our Guest' voiced the sentiments of all present when he stated that the departure of Captain Leblanc would be a great loss to the Station and to the Regiment as a whole. Major Bowie spoke in eulogistic terms of the services of Captain LeBlanc with the Regiment, both in the Field and in peace time and recalled the day of his first arrival

in St. Johns, after being granted a commission from the Royal Military College. He deeply regretted that he was leaving the Regiment, but appreciated his reasons for doing so. Major Nordheimer spoke feelingly of his personal associations with Captain LeBlanc in France, England and Canada, and laid stress on the fact that in all circumstances and under varying conditions he had always found him a very loyal friend.

Captain Leblanc, on rising to reply, read the replies he was sending to the messages he had received from his very exalted well wishers, which were short and to the point. He expressed his deep regret at leaving the regiment, but pointed out the fact that one was not always able to follow one's own inclinations. He paid a glowing tribute to the late Lt.-Col. Van Straubenzie, his first Squadron Commander, and asked those present to rise and drink a silent toast to his memory. Captain LeBlanc reminded those present that though he was leaving the Service he would always remain in close touch with the Regiment, and hoped that he would pay many a visit to "the scene of his childhood days."

After dinner a few of the "fairer

sex" came in and a very enjoyable evening was spent in dancing: Those present at dinner were Major Bowie, D.S.O., Major Nordheimer, M.C., Major Sawers, M.C., Major Salmon, M.C., The R.C.R., Captain Home, M.C., The R.C.R., Captain Drury, Captain Halkett, M.C., R.C.A.M.C., Lt. Hammond, Mr. John Savoy, and the Guest of Honour, Captain M. J. R. P. E. B. LeBlanc.

Dame Rumour has been very busy lately. We have gone to "Camp" in the most unlikely (in more senses than one) places. Perhaps the prize rumour of recent times is the one to the effect that the Garrison of St. Johns is being moved to a happier and drier clime in order that their place may be taken by a "Tank" Corps. To substantiate their statement, the dispensers of this "freak of the imagination" have stated that a certain Senior N.C.O. has already been selected to fill the role of "Chief Tank."

That the horse has a marked antipathy toward shoeing smiths in general was very aptly demonstrated, when the late "Silver Tail" displayed more intelligence

in death than it ever had in life.

May not the various conflagrations which have been raging in the Barrack grounds recently be likened to those sacred fires which precede the sacrificial rite of "Spring Training."

In view of the fact that in order to obtain a Captain's certificate one must be conversant with both languages, we are pleased to state that at least one officer from St. Johns is studying French under the most advantageous circumstances.

"Bill" Hargraves and P.O. Cowling have been very busy overhauling the famous yacht "The Book." Bill states that he intends to further explore the historic stretches of the Richelieu during the coming season. He says the boat is in fine shape and will not stall any more than usual.

Dad: "Stella, who sat on that newly painted bench in the garden?"

Stella: "Harold and I."

Dad: "Well, you must have ruined your clothes—both of you."

Stella: "Not both—only Harold's."



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Can anyone inform us of the nationality of the senior N.C.O., who naively remarked: "This is the first night I've stayed out all day."

"A" SQUADRON ORCHESTRA NOTES.

The Barrack Orchestra fulfilled several engagements in town during the past month. From all sides one hears the most pleasing remarks regarding their playing. Hard practise has made possible some difficult orchestrations, but the benefit of being able to render good dance music will prove worth the time spent. The orchestra now numbers seven pieces and can hold its own with any amateur orchestras who are more favourably situated in regard to funds than they are.

OUR OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT.

A letter dated March 26th, 1925, received from Captain D. A. Grant, M.C., R.C.D., who is at present on two years' exchange with the British Army, and is attached to the 1st Royal Dragoons at Aldershot, states that he has just returned from a "Staff Tour" of the battle fields in France and Belgium, and visited many places of interest to members of the Regiment. The party crossed from Dover to Ostend, then proceeded by rail to Ypres, where they spent the night at Skindles Hotel, a very modern and up-to-date building. Ypres, and in fact all of Belgium, has been rebuilt, and one would hardly know that there had ever been a war there.

The next morning they motored through Zillebeke, LaBassee, Givenchy, Messines and Loos, to Arras, where they spent the night, and the next day they took in Vimy, the Somme, Peronne, and Villers-Bretonneux, covering the area passed over during the advance of August 8th, 1918.

Captain Grant visited the Bois de Moreuil, and the cemetery at Moreuil, where Lieut. Victor Nordheimer, R.C.D., who was killed in action at Moreuil Wood, is now buried. Returning to Amiens he visited the Cathedral and saw the Regimental Memorial Tablet.

Captain Grant reports Amiens as being very dull, and not at all like it was in the old days. The "Cafe Gobert" is practically shut up, only the ante room being now open.

From Amiens the party journeyed by rail to Boulogne, and crossed to Folkestone.

At a recent lecture a candidate was asked: "What is a theory?" He promptly replied: "Theory is when a bloke knows all about a thing and can't do it for nuts."

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Sports.**BOXING TOURNAMENT**

"The best ever" is a trite and very hard-work descriptive phrase but it is the only one we can adequately use in commenting on the Boxing Tournament held at the Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns, on the evening of March 14th. Though our boys "got the worst end of the stick," (and it was only through lack of experience) they nevertheless covered themselves with glory, exhibiting, as they did, those splendid qualities of sportsmanship, fortitude and endurance. It is indeed refreshing to see so many of the younger members of the Squadron taking such an interest, and showing signs of promise in "the noble art."

The contests took place in the Gymnasium, the seating capacity of which has been largely increased by the erection of temporary seats on the "bleacher" plan. This was much appreciated by the visitors from St. Johns and Montreal as it enabled them to see the bouts clearly and with the modicum of comfort. Previous to the commencement of hostilities, and dur-

ing the intervals between bouts, the Barracks Orchestra entertained the large gathering with popular selections in a very able manner.

The members of the visiting boxing team were selected by Mr. W. P. Armstrong, Boxing Instructor of the M.A.A.A. We congratulate Mr. Armstrong on his powers of discernment. Each individual member of his party displayed those traits which are so admired in the boxer, cool-headedness, pluck, and the sporting spirit..

Charles Sabo, C.G.G., vs. Bert Light, M.A.A.A. (Exhibition)

This curtain raiser was most interesting from the spectators' point of view. The men displayed totally dissimilar styles. Light made use of the ring. His footwork was very pretty, and what his punches lost in strength they made up in volume. Sabo, on the other hand, was the more rugged fighter who will risk something to put a good one across, but every time one gets there it counts. They both put a good deal into it, the bout being thoroughly enjoyed although the men were not fighting for a decision.

Tom Sullivan, M.A.A.A., vs. Tpr. Beaulieu. (135 lbs.)

From the start Sullivan assert-

ed a superiority over his opponent. Using perfect straight lefts, he kept Beaulieu out, though the latter tried to bore in time after time. Sullivan forced the pace from gong to gong, forcing Beaulieu to move on the larger arc of the circle all the time. Beaulieu fought a plucky uphill fight against a much more experienced and taller man, and is to be heartily commended. With more training this boy will make the best of them struggle. Sullivan won this contest convincingly.

During the interval Sgt. Kevins, R.C.A.S.C., rendered "When the Ebb Tide Flows."

George Ash, N.A.A.A., vs. Tpr. Quine. (158 lbs).

This was a hectic affair while it lasted, which wasn't very long, unfortunately. From the gong both boys started right in to mix it. They fought toe to toe and exchanged many stiff wallops. The end of the first round found matters pretty even. Early in the second round Ash sent Quine to the boards with a hefty right to the jaw. Quine took a count of nine, and was quite groggy when he rose. Ash had no trouble in sending him down again, where he

remained while the referee tolled the fatal ten.

Intermission

During the temporary cessation of hostilities, Messrs Freeman and Denis, members of the M.A.A.A. Concert Party, entertained the company with selections from their extensive repertoire. These gentlemen are members of the "Profession." Their programme, which was of a very high-class nature, reflected their artistic ability to a marked degree. That the huge audience thoroughly enjoyed this portion of the evening's entertainment was made evident by the unstinted applause and numerous cries of "encore" which greeted the termination of each number.

Mickey MacGowan, M.A.A.A., vs. Sammy Rennie, C.G.G.

(Exhibition)

This bout was worth while going a long way to see. Each man is Dominion Champion at his own weight, and both men were members of the Olympic Team which was sent to Paris last summer.

The bout was an exhibition of all that a fight should be. It

was fought at a pace that was almost bewildering at times. Blows were blocked, countered, and exchanged with lightning rapidity. The ring space was made good use of. The foot-work of each man was perfect, while the display of ducking, slipping, etc., was all that could be desired. The boxers received a great ovation at the end of the bout.

Tpr. Tibby vs. Andrew Dunn, M.A.A.A.

This contest ended too quickly for either man to show the stuff he was made of. From the gong Tibby went in with a rush, but on Dunn smashing one into his midriff, it was all over. Tibby went down and took the count.

Robert Leitham, Verdun A.C., vs. Tpr. Ellis.

This was the most interesting and closely contested fight of the evening. Ellis opened up the proceedings by carrying the fight to his opponent. Using his left to advantage, Ellis compiled a slight lead. Leitham scored with hits to the body. Ellis was missing with the right repeatedly, sending it in on the roundabout route instead of

via the shorter and more effective passage. Ellis had a slight edge over his opponent in the initial round. The second round was a very even affair. Both boys fought hard. Ellis scored with his left, and Leitham scored by boring in with both hands. Nobody's round. In the third round Leitham had a slight advantage. Ellis could not connect with his right; he telegraphed the fact to his opponent before using it, and consequently Leitham was enabled to avoid it. The judges disagreeing, the referee ordered an extra round. In the final round Ellis' lack of training was evident. He tired visibly, and although fighting gamely could not keep out his more active and experienced opponent, who piled up a slight lead. Leitham was declared winner.

Prizes were awarded to those who participated in the exhibition bouts, also to the winners of the competition contests, by Lt.-Col. W. H. Bell, D.S.O., O.C. Royal Canadian Dragoons. In expressing thanks to the boxers, the entertainers, and the Barracks Orchestra, Major Bowie called on the audience for assistance in giving three cheers and a "tiger," which were rendered with great acclaim.

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PROVINCIAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Provincial Boxing Championships were held at the St. Brigid Club, Montreal, on Monday and Tuesday, March 23rd and 24th, and were well patronized by the devotees of the "manly art." The Cavalry Barracks was represented by Corp. Stanyard and Trooper Ellis, "A" Squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons, and very worthy representatives they proved themselves to be. With only two weeks' training, handicapped through lack of suitable sparring partners, and taking part in their first championship tournament, the showing against experienced and perfectly trained opponents was a most creditable performance, and one that evoked the most favourable comment from those who knew the difficulties under which they fought. Stanyard and Ellis have reason to feel proud of their showing, and with more experience and training will go far in any future tournament they may enter. The writer would like to see both take up boxing seriously, and would be very much surprised if, with proper coaching, two Canadian champions are not developed.

Great credit must be given to Tpr. Jewkes for his untiring efforts in conditioning and handling our boxers, and the ring generalship and experience learned by him at the Army Gymnastic School at St. Pol, from which such well known ring heroes as Bombar-
dier Wells, Basham, Jimmy Wilde, and Jem Driscoll proved of great benefit.

In conclusion we wish to express our thanks to the officials of the St. Brigid's Club for their courteous treatment, to the many friendly "knights of the ring" who offered their services as seconds, especially Sam Rennie and Mickie MacGowan, and to Troopers Rowe, Beaulieu, Stanyard, Fryer and Dresser for their good sportsmanship in acting as sparring partners.

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Tpr. Ellis, "A" Sqdn., Royal Canadian Dragoons, vs. R. Leitham, Verdun Athletic Club.

It was a different boy who faced Leitham on March 23rd to the one, who boxed him at St. Johns on March 14th, and this was made evident to Mr. Leitham from the

time the gong rang in the first round. Ellis forced the fighting from the start and landed frequently with lefts and rights on the surprised Leitham. The latter quickly realized that he was in for a real battle and summoned all his experience and ringerraft into play. Ellis was inclined to waste the advantages gained by his rushing tactics, by adopting long range boxing, at which style Leitham was his superior. The round ended with the margin in Ellis' favour.

The second round was a repetition of the first, with Ellis forcing the pace at the beginning but allowing his opponent to take the initiative towards the end. During a lively mix-up near the ropes Ellis received a blow in the solar plexis and had taken the count of four when the bell rang. This round was very even, with Leitham the aggressor towards the close.

Ellis started the last round with a succession of lefts to the face that had Leitham worried, but he tired and was forced to ward off a determined attack by his better conditioned opponent. Leitham forced the fighting from this stage and while Ellis drove him back repeatedly with well directed lefts to the face, it became apparent that only a knock-out would prevent his more experienced opponent from winning on points. The judges awarded the bout to Leitham, who had undoubtedly scored the most points, the decision meeting with universal approval. On the following night Leitham lost the decision to Giroux, after an extra round, the decision being most unpopular, and in the opinion of many, most unjust.

Corp. Stanyard, "A" Sqdn., Royal Canadian Dragoons, vs. Moss, Jofre Athletic Club, Montreal.

Stanyard opened cautiously but soon found the measure of his opponent and landed repeatedly with nice straight lefts to the face. In a mix-up Stanyard punished Moss severely with right jabs, and had him on the verge of a knock-out, but lacked the experience to put him away. The round was all Stanyard's. Moss came back strong in the second round, but was unable to do much harm and found Stanyard's left very difficult to avoid. Stanyard was inclined to resort to wild rushes, but managed to land some heavy blows and won the round.

The third round produced some heavy punching, and for a few minutes it looked as if Moss was going to stage a real "come-back" but Stanyard weathered the storm and assumed the aggressive, forcing his opponent to the ropes with

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well directed blows. Stanyard was given the decision and left the ring amidst applause for his good fight. After the fight Moss stated that he lost the decision "by a hair," explaining that he became so fascinated with watching Stanyard's uppercuts to his own head, in a frantic endeavour to place some "Hair Groom" which he had concealed in his glove, in place, that he left himself wide open. This method of outwitting an opponent is not recommended for future champions.

Corp. Stanyard vs. Constable Ratelle, Mascotte, A.C.

Ratelle, who had previously knocked out his opponent in the semi-finals, possessed a wicked right punch. Stanyard started cautiously and seemed to have the best of the fight until fifteen seconds from the end of the first round, when he connected with one of Ratelle's haymakers and went to Ratelle's haymakers and went to Dreamland via the knock out route. It was an unfortunate ending, but it is all in the game and the experience will be invaluable to him in future bouts.

HOCKEY

TORONTO

The Stanley Barracks Hockey Team played their return game with The R.C.R. of Wolseley Barracks, London, Ont., on March 27, at the London Arena, and defeated them by a score of 6 to 5, thus making a tie of the round.

The Toronto team arrived in London on the evening of the 26th and were entertained that night by The R.C.R. at a smoking concert in their honour. A real good time was had by all. The team was called upon to take part in the programme and their efforts were the subject of some very flattering remarks from the chairman. The members of the Toronto party who assisted were Sgt. Hare, Cpl. Jones, and Pte. Walker.

Cpl. Jones was called upon no less than four times for recitations and it was his good work that was mainly responsible for the honours gathered by the Toronto team.

On the following afternoon both teams journeyed to the Arena to try to settle the question as to whether London or Toronto were the better team. On their previous meeting in Toronto the London team was victorious by the score of three to two, and all members of the Toronto team were out to avenge this defeat and call things square for the season.

The play commenced at a fur-

ious speed, Lieut. Roy, of London, making a number of rushes, but being unable to get passed the Toronto defence. Sgt. Hare, of Toronto, made a rush and succeeded in getting past the entire London team with only the goalie to beat, but over-anxiousness caused him to flip an easy shot, which Lieut. Clark had no difficulty in stopping. Van Wort scored the first goal for Toronto on a pass out from the corner. Galloway scored two more for Toronto on lone rushes. Lieut. Roy, of London, then succeeded in scoring two goals on shots from outside the Toronto defence. Strudwick, of London, then made a nice shot from left wing which landed in the corner of the net and evened the score. Lieut. Roy then started another rush and managed to get his shot away just as he was bodied by Hare of Toronto, and the puck rolled into the Toronto net, making the score four to three for London. There was no further scoring for the remainder of the first period, although Adams, for Toronto, missed an open net.

The second period was just one continual series of rushes by both teams. No one seemed to be able to pass the opposing defence, until with only two minutes left of this period, Galloway grabbed a loose puck at centre and circled the London defence and flipped the tying counter behind Clark.

The third period started at a fast clip, but the ice was beginning to get heavy and play began to lag. Adams scored for Toronto on an individual rush. Lieut. Roy again started down the ice and was met by Hare with a heavy body check, the puck rolled between the feet of Hare and into the Toronto net. This was a shot that the Toronto goalie should have handled quite easily and was really a gift to London. This left the score tied with only five minutes to go, and both teams began to let out with all that was in them for another goal. Both sides became inclined to rough it, but the ref. always had the game in hand. With three minutes to play, Van Wort got mixed up in a scrimmage in front of the London goal, and landed the puck in the net for what proved to be the winning tally. For the last three minutes of the game the Toronto team played a four man defence and stopped any further scoring by the London team.

For the winners Galloway was the outstanding star, although every player gave all that he had in order that Toronto might pull up on even terms with London. For the losers Lieut. Roy was the bright light and his rushes were a treat to watch. Clark, in goal

for the losers, played a wonderful game and made some miraculous saves, and but for his good work the score would probably have been larger.

The teams lined up as follows:

Toronto	London
Walker	Goal
Hare	Clarke
Jones	Defence
Galloway	Roy
Adams	Strudwick
Van Wort	Centre
Brown	Wood
Connors	R. Wing
	L. Wing
	Harvey
	Redmond
	Prodwick

We would like to know what the manager of the team had in his club bag that he guarded so carefully getting on the train at London, that made him keep saying "Handle that bag carefully."

Personnel at both Barracks are anxious to know what was the interest that caused the visiting hockey team to visit certain ladies' stores in London, also what happened to the "bow ties" purchased in Woolworth's!

Mah Jong or the Lost Character.

A Play in Three Tiles and Six Winds.

Act One...

Scene—The Ante-room of the Officers Mess, Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns.

Time — Any afternoon (after parade?) or evening after dinner.

Cast

Captain LeB.A Quartermaster
Captain D.An Adjutant (acting without pay)
Captain H.A Medical Officer
Major N.An Editor
Officers, Waiters, etc.

Captain H.: "Anyone like a game of Mah-Jong? The moon is in the ascendant."

Captain D.: "Sure thing; get the cards. I have two hours before I have to write a letter."

Captain LeB.: "One round only. Press the bell, will you, please?"

Major N.: "Count out the chips while I go and get my pipe."

Enter waiter: "Did you ring, Sir?"

Captain LeB.: "Bring me a soda lemonade and put a little mint in it."

The card table is opened, Man-Chu cards are sorted, chips counted, and the players take their places.

Major N.: "I certainly won't have any luck tonight, D. is in my seat."

Captain D.: "I thought you would want the seat nearest the door so you could get to the telephone easier." (This remark is greeted with laughter by all except Major N., who was expecting it.)

Captain LeB.: "Shake the dice for the east wind. Highest gets it." (Shakes a pair of fours.)

Captain H.: "Seven."

Captain D.: "Five."

Major N.: "Eleven. Oh gracious."

The cards are dealt and the game commences.

Major N.: "No flowers. I never have any luck."

Captain D.: "Two flowers."

Captain LeB.: "Ain't you lucky. One flower and its my own."

Captain H.: "Three flowers, my own flower and season, one double."

Major N.: "Well, I'll start with the conventional 'three holes'"

Captain D.: "White soap."

Chorus: "Is your hand clear or don't you know what to keep?"

(No answer is vouchsafed and the game proceeds.)

Captain LeB.: "Gate."

Captain H.: "Chow."

Chorus: "Piker, cheap sport," etc.

Major N.: "Concealed gong in Bamboos."

Captain H.: "That's right, keep the same thing I am."

Captain LeB.: "Push the bell, will you; take your loose tile."

Captain D.: "Four Cracks."

Captain LeB. "Pung."

Captain D.: "Oh drat, I was in those too."

Waiter: "Did you ring, Sir?"

Captain LeB.: "Anyone like a drink? Bring me a double Cream Soda."

Captain D.: "Ginger ale for me."

Captain H.: "I think I would like a Ginger Beer. Not too cold."

Major N.: "Double Scotch and very little soda."

Chorus: "When did you go on the wagon? Come on, be a sport and have a real drink."

Captain LeB.: "Palm Olive."

Captain H.: "Pung."

Chorus: "You would."

Captain H.: "I had the east wind six times the other day and —"

Chorus: "Oh, do please be quiet and continue our present game."

Major N.: "Nine Holes; I know I shall never clear my hand."

Captain D.: "North Wind."

Captain H.: "Gong. I never had such a rotten hand; I can't get a thing but honours."

Waiter: "Major N. wanted on the telephone, please."

Chorus: "Oh, dear; I suppose you will be quite a long time."

Major N.: "I won't be longer than half an hour."

Game is discontinued while players sit in rapt attention trying to overhear the conversation which is taking place in the broadcasting booth. After a space of twenty minutes Major N. returns and the game proceeds.

Captain H.: "Four Bamboo."

Major N.: "Pung." Picks up

Captain LeB.: "South Wind."

Captain H.: "Pung Mah Jong."

Chorus: "My, we are glad you won. You never had any luck. How much do we owe you?"

Captain H.: "Twenty-eight, thirty-four, thirty-six, doubled once for clear hand, once for my wind, once for Green Soop."

Captain LeB.: "I think you have made a mistake. You have not counted for your own flower and season. Press the bell."

Captain H.: "Thank you so much. I did forget to count that, but it does not matter. I do hate to win so much money."

And so far into the night.

The peak of musical efficiency will have been reached when somebody finds a way to run rolls of perforated paper through a saxaphone.

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College: "Want a ride?"

Widow: "Love me, love my dog."

College (driving off): "It isn't worth it."

Gwen: "Why do they call sail boats 'she'?"

Bob: "Because they make a better showing in the wind."

"You'll be very careful, won't you," said the dear old lady, engaging a taxi at the Windsor Station. "I've never ridden in a taxi before." "Well, cheer up, mum," said the affable driver, "this will be the first time I've ever driven one."

A young soldier, perplexed, at Lacadie, approached a young damsel named Sadie.

"Mademoiselle, voulez-vous—" She replied, "What the! who! Your mistake, I ain't that sort of lady."

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ened up to a melancholy individual standing apart by the rail of the ship. "Are you married?" he asked. "No, only sea-sick," was the rejoinder.

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We understand that Bridge is the prevailing indoor sport in the Sergeants' Mess these days. More kultur!

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First Sergt.: "In that case he's expecting a flood."

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The member of The R.C.R. who Instructor that the sequence followed in the impartation of knowledge was anything but logical.

The membe rof The R.C.R. who volunteered to ride and continued doing so for two successive days.

The youth who inquired if "fatigues" were really necessary, or might be classified under the heading of those things which were "good for us" like castor oil and that sort of thing.

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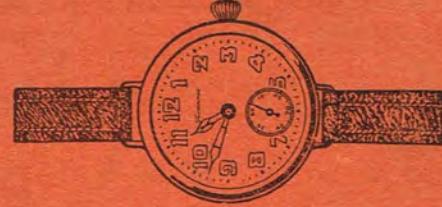
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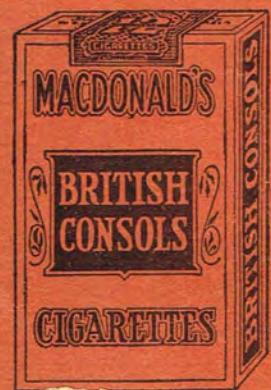
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